



DENTAL BULLETIN

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MO HealthNet Division has made clarifications and revisions to each policy as stated below. These policy clarifications/revisions are effective July 1, 2008.

DENTAL SEALANT

Sealants may be applied only on healthy (without occlusal restorations) first and second permanent molars (tooth numbers 2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30 and 31). No payment is made for sealants applied to third molars. Sealants will not be a covered service if applied to primary teeth.

Sealants may only be applied every 3 years per provider, per participant, per tooth.

TORUS

Removal of a torus procedures (D7471-removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible), D7472-removal of torus palatinus, and D7473-removal of torus mandibularis) is limited to those instances when the removal of excess bone is required for fitting a removable prosthetic (full or partial dentures). The removal of a torus must be based on dental necessity due to other treatments not being effective and must be consistent with clinical practice. The participant's record must include the treatment plan and dental necessity for performing the torus procedure.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896